SOME THINGS THAT WILL NOT CHANGE IN 2026

...AND SOME OTHERS THAT MUST!

"As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been yes and no. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not yes and no, but in him it is always yes. For all the promises of God find their yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory."
– 2 Cor. 1:18-20 (NASB'95)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
January 11th, AD 2026

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eleventh Day of January, *in the Year of our Lord* 2026

- ONE-IS-YOUR-MASTER-AND-ALL-YE-ARE-BRETHREN -

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"O God our Help in Ages Past"* (#48; v. 1).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Lead on, King Eternal"* (#459).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 1:15-20.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Like a River Glorious"* (#47).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* (#54).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Message: *"THINGS THAT WILL NOT CHANGE IN '26 (PART II)."*

Closing Hymn:* *"Revive us Again"* (#44).

Benediction.*

Stewardship Report; Week of Jan. 4 – Jan. 10:
Sunday School: 7; Morning Worship: 12;
No Midweek (Holiday); Offering: $775.00

NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, 1-14-26

We continue with our films from **John Ankerberg** ministries regarding the incompatibility of secret lodges with the Christian Message, underlining their various theological errors and practices—including their ***"Universal Fatherhood of God"*** doctrine, non-Christian system of ***merit-based salvation***, and horrid ***blood-oaths***.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the book ***Chosen by God*** by Dr. RC Sproul, please return it to the church library if it is not presently in use. It is a key book!

SOME THINGS THAT WILL NOT CHANGE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2026!

BY PASTOR TERRY L. REESE, VALLEY GBC OF ARMAGH, PA

The Fallen & Divinely cursed physical Universe is perishing and subject to the ebb and flow of constant change and ongoing deterioration *(Ps.102:25-26, Isa.51:6)*. Humanity—in marked contrast to its Creator—is likewise frail and temporal in its existence *(Ps. 90:5-6, Eccl. 3:20, James 4:14)*. Politics, culture, fashion, finances, popular mores & customs—i.e., all of these things upon which we invest so much time, energy, and resources—are in a state of unending flux. Like *ourselves*, they fall within category of *"here today, gone tomorrow!"*

BUT, there are some things that we CAN definitely count upon in 2026! These things will NOT change in the coming New Year!

1. Jesus Christ will NOT change in 2026! Hebrews 13:8!

Heb. 13:8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

- As Deity, we can count on His **immutability** (Mal. 3:6)!
- As Deity, we can count upon His **omnipresence**; He will be with us throughout 2026 (Heb. 13:5, Matt. 28:20)!

2. The Christian's Position & Privileges in Christ will NOT change in 2026!

- Nothing in 2026 can eradicate our **Justification before God**, which is based upon the work & merits of Christ—not ourselves (2 Cor. 5:21, Phil 3:9, Rom. 8:1).
- Nothing in 2026 can alter the Christian's standing as an **adopted Member of God's Family** (Eph. 1:5-6, Rom. 8:16-17a).

3. The sanctifying promises of God unto His People found in Christ will NOT change in 2026!

- God's promises—realized in the Person & work of Christ—are not fickle or "yeah-and-nay" (2 Cor. 1:18-20).
- Some practical examples:
  - Lack of contentment in God's provision? Heb. 13:5-6.
  - Impossible circumstances & trials?, 2 Cor. 12:7-9.
  - Struggling with guilt? Need forgiveness? 1John 1:7,9.
  - Need wisdom for godly living? James 1:5-6.
  - Need for spiritual power? John 7:38

>>>NEXT WEEK: 3 *MORE* THINGS THAT WILL NOT CHANGE!

THIS WEEK'S CGBCI SISTER CHURCH:
THE GRACE BRETHREN CHAPEL AT GIBSONBURG, OHIO

Please pray this week for the **Grace Brethren Chapel at Gibsonburg, OH**, (north-central Ohio, near Toledo) and for its pastoral staff of six pastor/elders, including **Senior Pastor Keith Merriman** and **Associate Pastor Jonathan Edwards**.

Left: Senior Pastor Keith Merriman.

Right: Associate Pastor Jonathan Edwards.

The Chapel is the largest and most flourishing church in the CGBCI; *even its midweek services* number approx. 100 people! After over 50 years in Freemont, OH, the flock's expansion required relocation to nearby Gibsonburg in 2011.

Pastor Keith & his wife **Nancy** came to Fremont in 2003. Raised Catholic, Keith was saved at age 25 and began attending Grace only 9 months later! An uncompromising firebrand who is famous for his relentless passion, Keith became known even in his student days as a dissenter from the encroaching neo-evangelicalism that he was encountering both at GTS and within the FGBC. Very early-on he became one of the leading activists and founding

pioneers of the Conservative Movement within the Grace Brethren Church. Blessed with a spirit of fearlessness in evangelism, he is well known to all of you as the overseeing coordinator of the mission in Africa, which is his life's passion. **Pastor Edwards** (married to **Meredith**; 4 children) is one of the most brilliant young scholars of the CGBCI and a master of original languages. He is one of youngest CGBCI past-Presidents!